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SUBJECT: CENTERS OF FRENCH CIVILIZATION IN U.S.

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1. SMITHSONIAN ADVISES AS FOLLOWS:

CAJUN CULTURE, BLACK AND WHITE, EXTENDS INTO MISSISSIPPI AND EAST TEXAS FROM PORT ARTHUR TO HOUSTON. OTHER FRENCH COMMUNITIES IN MID-WEST ARE ST. GENEVIVE, MISSOURI AND VINCENNES, INDIANA. FOLK SONG ARCHIVE OF LIBRARY OF CONGRESS HAS RECORDINGS OF FRENCH MUSIC FROM SOUTHERN ILLINOIS WISCONSIN AND MICHIGAN, BUT COULD NOT ASCERTAIN THAT FRENCH CULTURE ACTIVELY MAINTAINED THERE. SUGGEST THAT RESEARCHER VISIT ARCHIVE AT LIBRARY OF CONGRESS FOR FURTHER INFORMATION. ALSO VERMONT, NEW HAMPSHIRE, NEW YORK STATE AND MASSACHUSETTS HAVE SOME FRENCH SPEAKING POPULATIONS.

2. FOR EMBASSY'S INFORMATION:

RINZLER AT SMITHSONIAN IS IN CONTINUING CONTACT WITH DR. CLAUDIE MARCEL-DUBOIS AND UNDERSTANDS SHE WILL BE VISITING UNITED STATES IN JULY. KISSINGER

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